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Remarks

Specification Amendments

Paragraph [0001] is amended to correct an error in the claim to priority.

Claim amendments

Claim 1 is amended by incorporating the features of Claim 5 to better define one embodiment of the invention. No new matter is added.

Restriction

Claims 1-46 were restricted by the Examiner to three Groups of Claims. The Applicant elected by phone to prosecute Claims 1-19 (Group I). The Applicant affirms the election without traverse, and herein cancels claims 20-46 without prejudice.

Section 112 Rejection

The Claims 1-19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as indefinite as set out in the Examiner's Office Action. The Applicant traverses.

At paragraph [0082], the term "MFR" is defined to be the ratio of I_{21}/I_2 . These values in turn are well defined at the same paragraph and paragraph [0081]. The Applicant contends that one skilled in the art would understand from the specification as written what the term "MFR" means and thus, the claim is well defined.

The Examiner suggests that "MFR of 50' should be specified". The Applicant disagrees, as this is but one embodiment as described at, for example, paragraph [0030] of the specification. Further, this feature is in Claim 2. Amending Claim 1 thusly would render this limitation in Claim 2 meaningless. The Applicant contends that this limitation is not necessary to define the features therein.

The Applicant thus requests that these rejections be withdrawn.

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Section 103 Rejection

Claims 1-19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ewen et al. (US 4,530,914) in view of Reddy et al. (US 5,648,428) and Miya et al. (US 4,931,417). The Applicant traverses this rejection.

Reddy does not disclose combining a supported "activated High MFR catalyst system" with another catalyst "in the substantial absence of additional activator". In the text at col. 5 where the Examiner references, Reddy describes adding a supported Ziegler Natta catalyst with an aluminum alkyl and a solid metallocene/MAO adduct. More activator is necessarily added in the teaching of Reddy. Thus, the teaching of Reddy, combined with Ewen, does not disclose Applicant's claimed invention. Miya does not remedy this lack of disclosure.

The Applicant's thus request that this rejection be withdrawn.

The Applicant invites the Examiner to telephone the undersigned attorney if there are any other issues outstanding which have not been presented to the Examiner's satisfaction.

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